

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Maritime Administration****[Docket No. Marad-1999-6615]****Information Collection Available for Public Comments and Recommendations****ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Maritime Administration's (MARAD's) intentions to request extension of approval for three years of a currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before February 11, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca M. Boyd, MAR 560, Maritime Administration, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Room 8117, Washington, D.C. 20590. Telephone: 202-366-5870, or FAX 202-366-7901.

Copies of this collection can also be obtained from that office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Records Retention Schedule.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved information collection.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0501.

Form Numbers: None.

Expiration Date of Approval: August 31, 2000.

Summary of Collection of Information: Section 801, Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended, requires retention of Construction Differential Subsidy (CDS) or Operating Differential Subsidy (ODS) records. The records are required to be retained to permit proper audit of pertinent records at the conclusion of an ODS or CDS contract.

Need and Use of the Information: The information will be used to audit pertinent records at the conclusion of a contract when the contractor was receiving financial assistance from the government.

Description of Respondents: U.S. shipping companies.

Annual Responses: 3.

Annual Burden: 50 hours each or 150 hours total.

Comments: Comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document. Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments may also be submitted by electronic means via the Internet at <http://dmses.dot.gov/submit>.

Specifically address whether this information collection is necessary for proper performance of the function of the agency and will have practical utility; accuracy of the burden estimates, ways to minimize this burden, and ways to enhance quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: December 8, 1999.

Joel C. Richard,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****[U.S. DOT Docket No. NHTSA-99-6519]****Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

SUMMARY: Before a Federal Agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and the Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal Agencies must solicit public comment on proposed information collections, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections. This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket notice number cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. It is requested, but not required that two copies of the comment be provided. The Docket section is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Levy, Ph.D., Contracting Officer's Technical Representative,

Office of Research and Traffic Records (NTS-31), Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-5597.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing for a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with affected agencies and members of the public concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methods and assumptions;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In response to these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comment on the following proposed collection of information:

Five State Survey of Alcohol Targets of Opportunity

Type of Request: New information collection requirement.

OMB Clearance Number: None.

Form Number: This collection of information uses no standard forms.

Requested expiration date of approval: February 28, 2003.

Summary of the Collection of Information

The Partners in Progress goal is to reduce the number of alcohol related fatalities from 15,935, in 1998, to 11,000 by the year 2005. In support of this goal, five states were awarded cooperative agreements by NHTSA to demonstrate and evaluate the effectiveness of traffic safety programs that combine increased law enforcement efforts with substantial publicity about these programs. These states were selected because of their potential for reducing the substantial